

TOWN OF WESTFORD

AGRICULTURAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

DATE: Monday, April 11th 2016

TIME: 7:30PM

PLACE: Cameron Senior Center, Westford

PRESENT: Elizabeth Almeida, Danielle Battle, Christine Berthold, Keith Bohne, Sharon Chew, Peter Cox, Andrea Knowles

ABSENT: Kimberly Liner

Minutes:

February 1st, 2016 approved. (MSVA Keith/Sharon)

Open Meeting Discussion: We have two spots open for the AC, we discussed any possible candidates. Also looking for someone that might be interested in running the seed library at JV Fletcher.

Finances Report (Peter): A report was handed out.

Old Business:

Drew/Boston Road property: (Keith): Town Meeting update- the proposal lost by 5 votes. The purchasers will resubmit a revised plan. There will be a special Town Meeting to look at this again, where a small reduction in size and parking lot is expected

New Business:

None.

Committee reports:

Education (Christine):. “Grown Here in Westford” photo contest- will be at the Strawberry Festival - Kim Liner is managing the project, and has spoken at the CG meeting. Competition is running April - June. Christine needs help on the day of the Festival (9-5pm), to talk the Ag Com involvement in the Town and help people vote for the photos. June 18th is the date of the festival. “Lunch Crunch” is happening again this Fall.

Community Gardens (Andrea): A report was handed out. Girls Scouts are involved with the food donation project this year at the CG. The Mandatory Meeting (5th April), had 65 gardeners in attendance. A tentative budget has been set (\$14,000). A work day (April 9th) for garden

maintenance and the 2016 season is almost ready to start after ToW Engineering marks out plots. Water dept. has donated another 1500gal tank, and they want to locate this inside the garden. They have also donated a solar powered pump to move the water to the second tank. April 29/May 1st for opening day 2016. Library is running some educational workshops on food growing to coincide with the season. We discussed budget that the CG group had come up with.

Dani raised the issue of the missing MOU for the CG at Day, and has agreed to talk to the Conservation Commission about the Day Field agreement and ToW arrangements.

Composting (Sharon): We discussed compost and the possibility that it could be sold. Dani wanted to know if legally they could, Sharon said she would check with DEP. We discussed packaging options for compost. Sharon met with the new principle at Blanchard school to talk about implementing food waste composting at the school. She also talked about the changes in town recycling

Adjourned:

Meeting adjourned 9:12pm (**MSVA Christine/Keith**)

Meeting Dates for 2016.

All meetings are on the *first Monday of the month* unless otherwise specified in **BOLD**

Date	Weekday	Time & Location
May 2nd, 2016	Monday	Arts & Crafts room, Cameron Senior Ctr
June 6th, 2016	Monday	Arts & Crafts room, Cameron Senior Ctr
July 4th, 2016	Meeting falls on holiday!	Arts & Crafts room, Cameron Senior Ctr
August 1, 2016	Monday	Arts & Crafts room, Cameron Senior Ctr